



# **The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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## **DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY**

### **BAY STATE GAS COMPANY** **D.T.E. 05-27**

#### **TENTH SET OF INFORMATION REQUESTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY TO THE COMPANY**

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Pursuant to 220 C.M.R. § 1.06(6)(c), the Department of Telecommunications and Energy (“Department”) submits to Bay State Gas Company (“Bay State” or “Company”) the following set of Information Requests for response within ten days of issuance:

DTE 10-1 Please refer to Exh. BSG/JAF-1, at 39. The Company is proposing to increase the Meter Test Fee from \$10.00 to \$50.00.

A) Describe the circumstances upon which a customer is assessed a Meter Test Fee, including a consideration of circumstances whereby the Company determines a meter test is necessary;

B) explain whether this fee may be assessed when the Department orders a state monitored test of a meter;

C) explain whether this fee may be assessed when the Department orders company test of a meter;

D) detail Department precedent allowing companies to assess a fee specifically related to a meter test;

E) detail how the customer is notified about the Meter Test Fee.

DTE 10-2 Please refer to Exh. BSG/JAF-1, at 39. The Company states “there is no revenue adjustment associated with the proposed Meter Test Fee because there were no meter test charges in the test year, and as such none projected into the rate year.”

A) Explain why the company did not assess meter test charges in the test year;

B) please explain why the company does not project assessing meter test charges in the rate year.

C) explain whether the company anticipates it will begin assessing meter test charges and detail the reasons the company would find implementation of these charges are necessary.

DTE 10-3      Please refer to Exh. BSG/JAF-1, at 41. The Company proposes to implement a Locksmith Fee for costs associated with locksmith service to gain access to company meters in certain locations.

A) Detail how the company has historically treated costs associated with locksmith service;

B) explain why the Company now proposes to change the manner it has historically treated costs associated with locksmith service.

C) detail Department precedent allowing companies to assess a fee specifically related to locksmith service.

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